

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously Presented) A fitting for connection to an end of a tubular member, the fitting comprising a collar which is received over an outer surface of an end of the tubular member, and a separate externally threaded sleeve which has an outside diameter which is larger than an internal diameter of the tubular member, and which is screwed into the tubular member to expand the tubular member and trap it between the collar and the sleeve.

2 - 18. (Canceled)